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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON BD -- PROJECT

PREPARATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

BEGIN SUMMARY: SECTION OF SECOND DAY MEETING DEVOTED SPECIFICALLY TO PROJECT PREPARATION AND TA. BDG DOCUMENT PREPARED FOR CONFERENCE SERVED AS FOCAL POINT FOR DISCUSSION BUT DELEGATES ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS RE SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON BDG PAMPHLET: REQUIREMENTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN (1973-78). DOCUMENT CITES FIVE YEAR PLAN TOTAL OF 471 MILLION TAKAS (CORRECTED AT MEETING TO 489) FOR TA PLUS 415 MILLION TAKAS FOR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS. FY 1974 PORTION IDENTIFIED AT 100 MILLION TAKAS FOR TA AND 104 MILLION TAKAS FOR MATERIALS. HIGHLIGHTS IN DOCUMENT ON BDG ADMINISTRATION OF TA: (A) PLANNING COMMISSION (PC) WILL COORDINATE TA NEEDS TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND OVERLAPPING; (B) REGISTER OF BENGALEE EXPERTISE WILL BE PREPARED BY PC; (C) EMPHASIS ON BOTH USE OF BANGALEE CONSULTANTS WITH FOREIGN EXPERTS FILLING GAP AND IN- COUNTRY TRAINING: AND (D) SUGGESTION THAT EVENTUALLY DONORS POOL TA FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS TO

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BE ADMINISTERED BY PC. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TA REQUIREMENTS FOR SECTOR PROGRAMS SPELLED OUT IN ANNEX.

2. UNDP RESREP MADE PRESENTATION ON ROLE OF UNDP WITH EXPLANATION COUNTRY PROGRAMMING AND " PARTNERSHIP" APPROACH. UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING IN BANGLADESH BEGINNING AT SAME TIME AS PLANNING FOR FIVE YEAR PLAN (FYP), BUT PROJECTS URGENTLY REQUIRED COULD BE STARTED ON AD HOC BASIS. UNDP OFFERED TO SERVE IN COORDINATION CAPACITY FOR ALL DONOR TA.

3. SELECTED POINTS OF DELEGATION RESPONSES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) UK. QUESTIONED SIZE OF EQUIPMENT/ MATERIALS VIS- A- VIS ADVISOR/ TRAINING. BDG RESPONSE THAT FIGURES PRELIMINARY PLUS EXPENSIVE MATERIALS/ EQUIPMENT BEING IMPORTE FROM ABROAD, PRINCIPALLY WHERE MOST TRAINING BEING CONDUCTED. UK NOTED EQUIPMENT ITEMS MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR CAPITAL FINANCING. L/ C COMPONENT WOULD BE PROBLEM FOR UK TO FINANCE.

(B) DENMARK. NEED FOR BOTH DONORS AND RECIPIENT TO ADHERE TO ADVISORY AND TRAINING TIME SCHEDULES; BD COORDINATE CLOSELY PLACEMENT OF COUNTERPARTS FOR FOREIGN ADVISORS. THESE POINTS SUPPORTED BY SWEDEN.

(C) USA. APPLAUDED (1) APPROACH TO UTILIZE FULLY LOCAL CONSULTANTS SUPPLEMENTED BY FOREIGN ADVISORS:

(2) STRESS ON CLOSE AND CAREFUL REVIEW PC PROPOSES. SUGGESTED THAT BDG SINGLE OUT SPECIFIC INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL ADVISORS FOR RECRUITMENT.

(D) CANADA. SUGGESTED BDG CONSIDER FUNDING L/ C COMPONENT THROUGH FOODGRAIN AND COMMODITY TAKA GENERATIONS RATHER THAN LIMITED FOREX AVAILABLE FOR TA.

(E) SWEDEN. SUGGESTED THAT GOOD DEAL POPULATION PROGRAM EXPERTISE WITHIN BD THEREFORE HOPED IT WOULD BE USED FOR AMBITIOUS PROGRAM THIS SECTOR.

4. BDG LATER NOTED (A) TIME- LAG BETWEEN FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND IMPLEMENTATION; (B) REPETITION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON CERTAIN PROJECTS BECAUSE DONOR INVESTMENT NOT FORTHCOMING; (C) COMPETING DEMAND FOR QUALITY EXPERTS BY LDCS WORLDWIDE THERFORE NEED TO GIVE BD SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN RECRUITMENT.

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